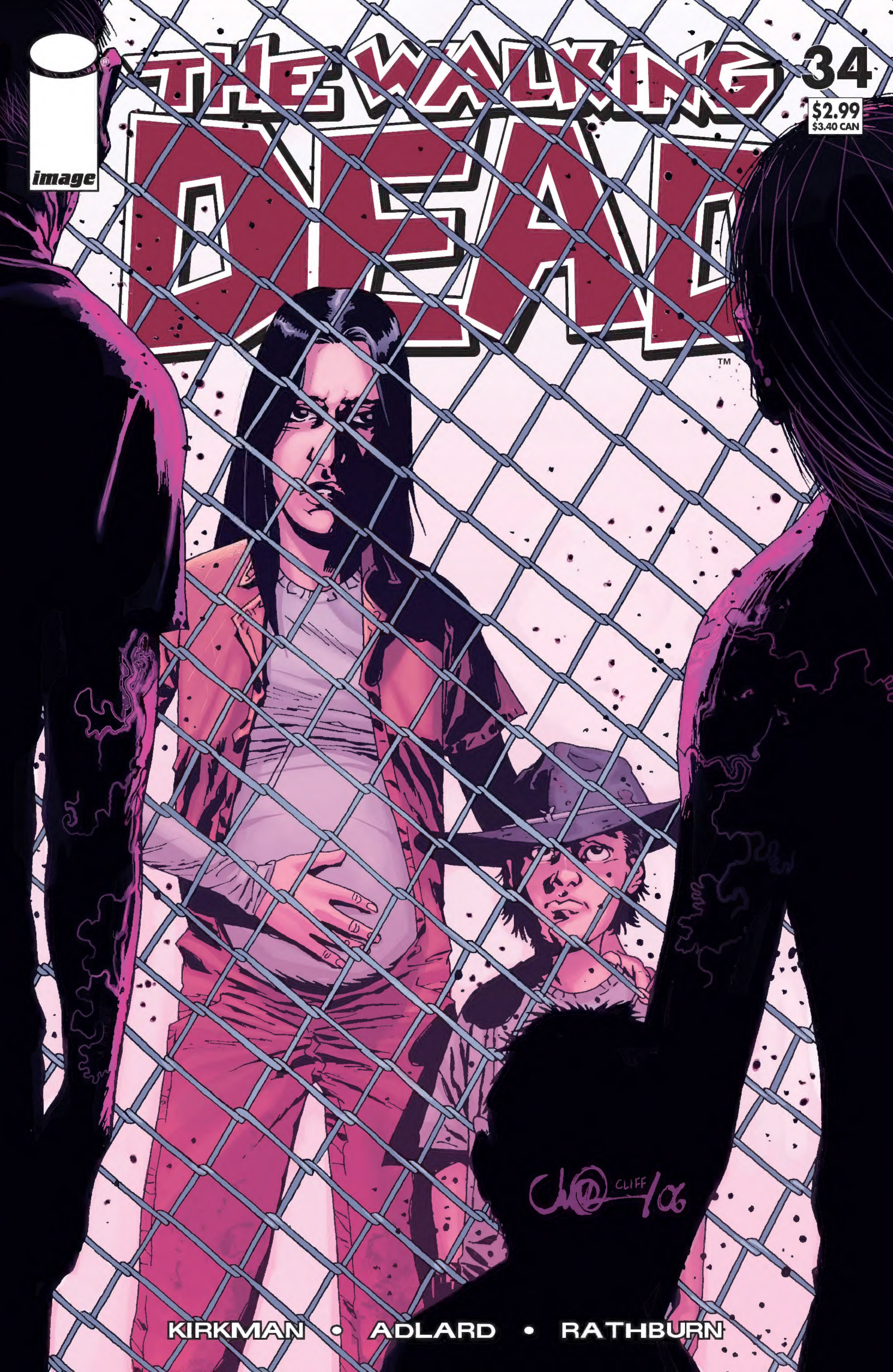




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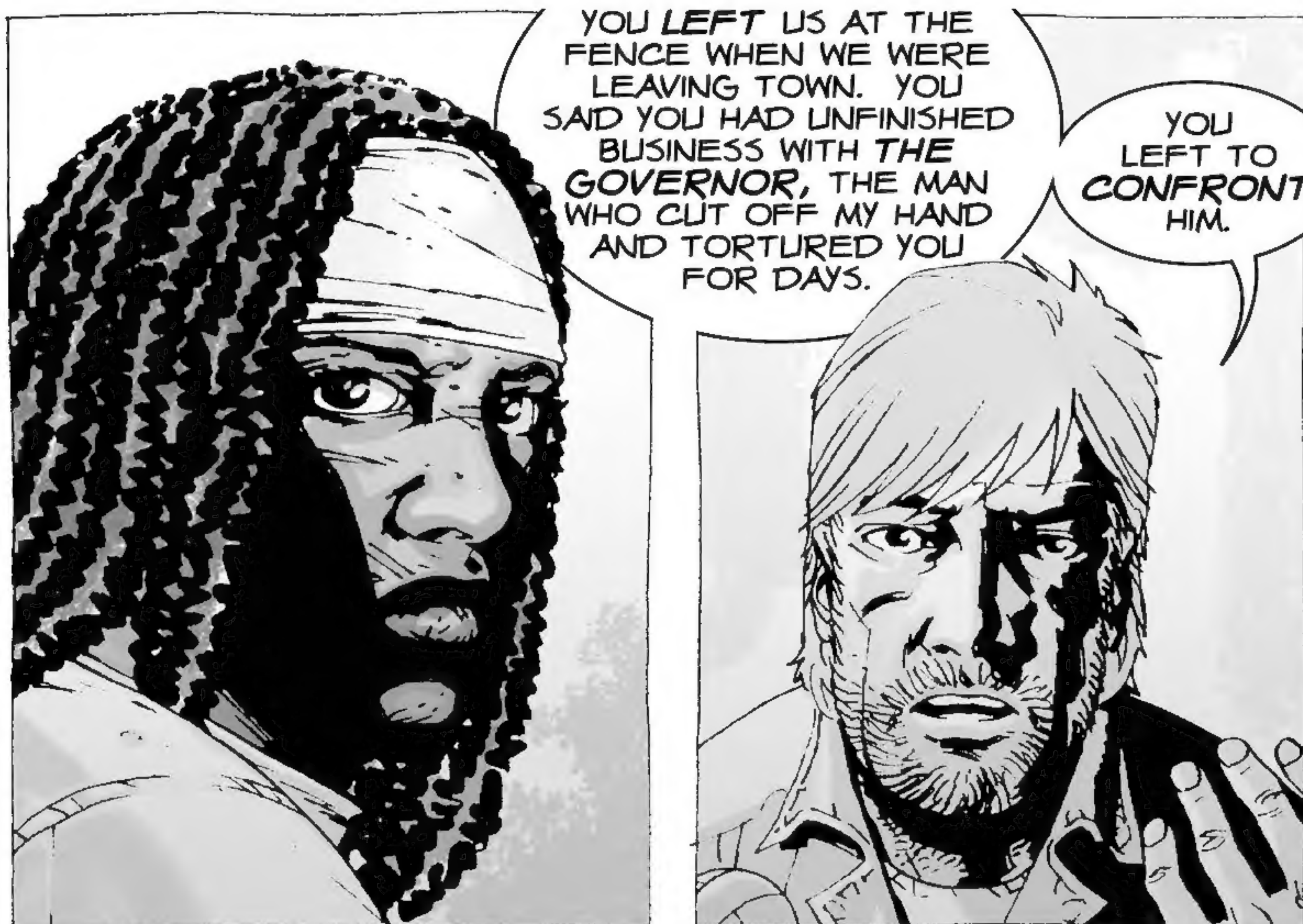
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C'MON.

MICHONNE,  
WAIT!



YOU LEFT US AT THE  
FENCE WHEN WE WERE  
LEAVING TOWN. YOU  
SAID YOU HAD UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS WITH **THE**  
GOVERNOR, THE MAN  
WHO CUT OFF MY HAND  
AND TORTURED YOU  
FOR DAYS.

YOU  
LEFT TO  
CONFRONT  
HIM.



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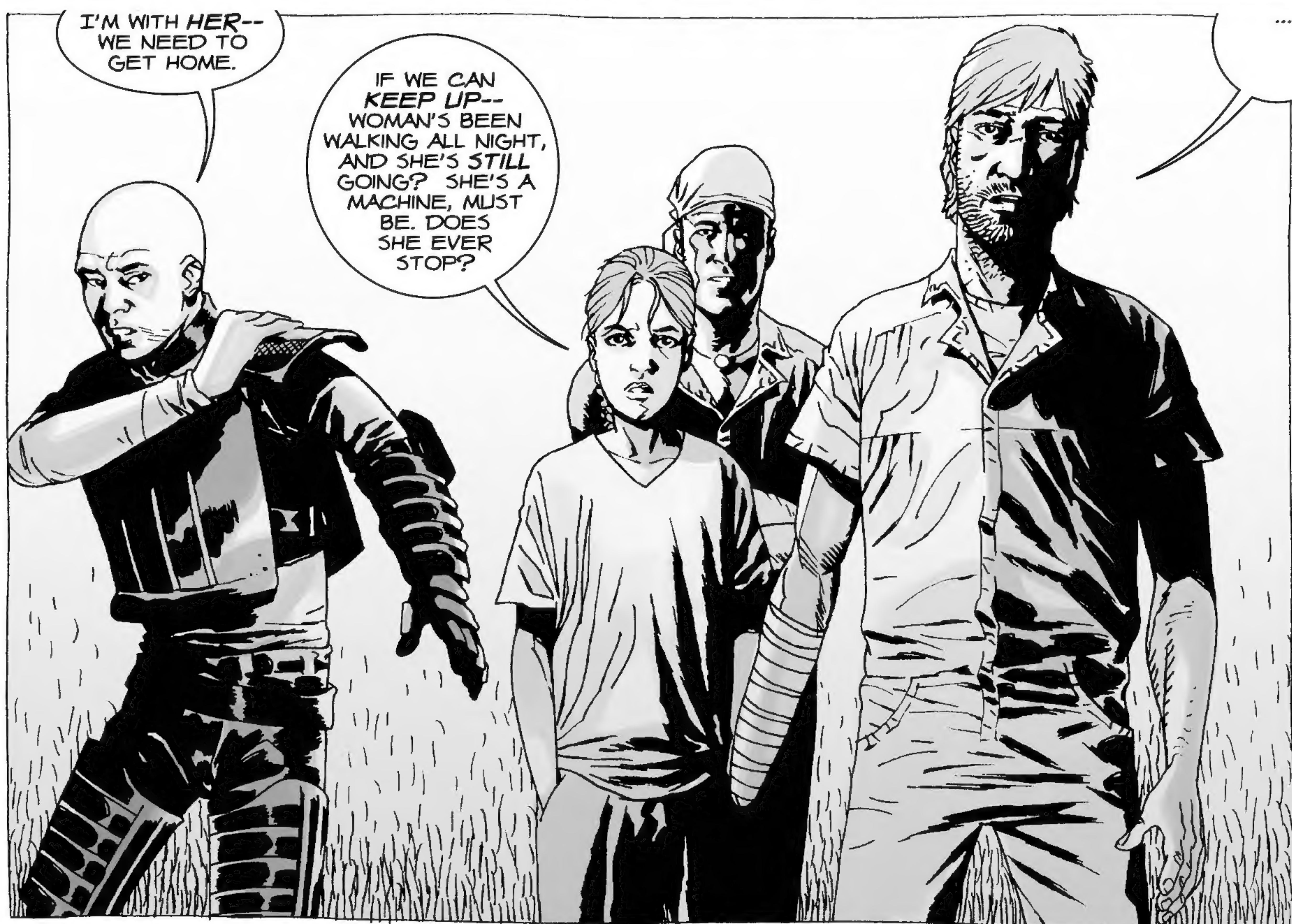


HOW DID IT GO?  
I ASSUME YOU  
GOT OUT OKAY--  
DID YOU FIND  
HIM?

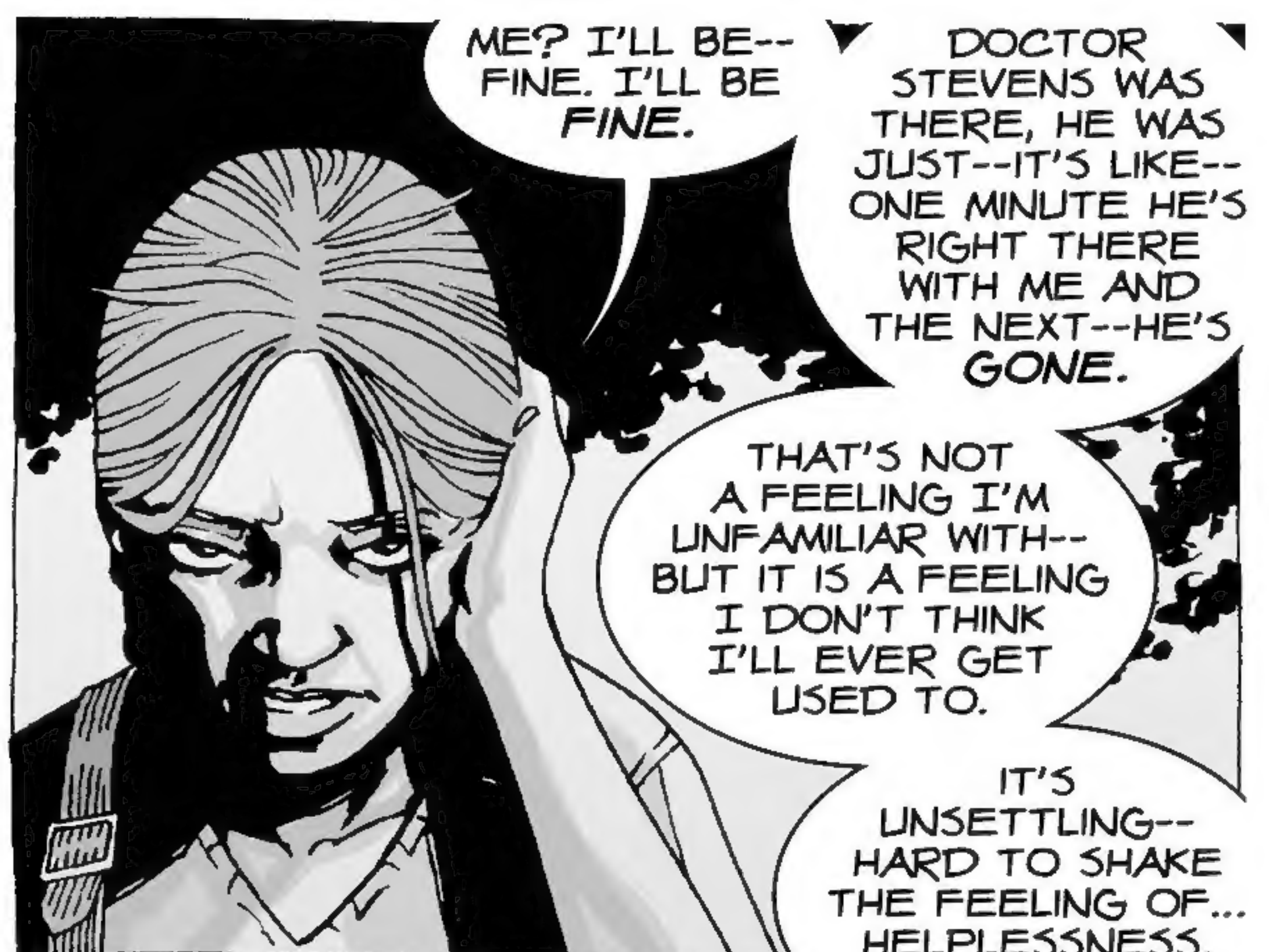
IS HE  
DEAD?

I--I...











GYM  
TEACHER?

COOL.  
HAVEN'T  
MET ONE  
OF THOSE  
YET.



COOL?

...

RIGHT.



REMEMBER WHEN  
THIS FIRST STARTED?  
I KNOW YOU *DO*--IT  
WASN'T EVEN A *YEAR*  
AGO. FEELS LIKE IT'S  
BEEN *DECADES*--BUT  
IT'S ONLY BEEN WHAT--  
SEVEN MONTHS? I  
HAVEN'T BEEN  
KEEPING  
TRACK.

BACK THEN THEY HAD  
COPS AND FIREMEN HELPING  
OUT--STANDING GUARD--  
FIGHTING OFF ANY GROUPS  
OF BITERS THAT CAME ALONG.  
BUT YOU GUYS HAD TO AT  
LEAST *HEAR* ABOUT THIS IF  
YOU WEREN'T *IN* ONE--  
THE SAFE HAVENS  
WEREN'T SO  
*SAFE*.

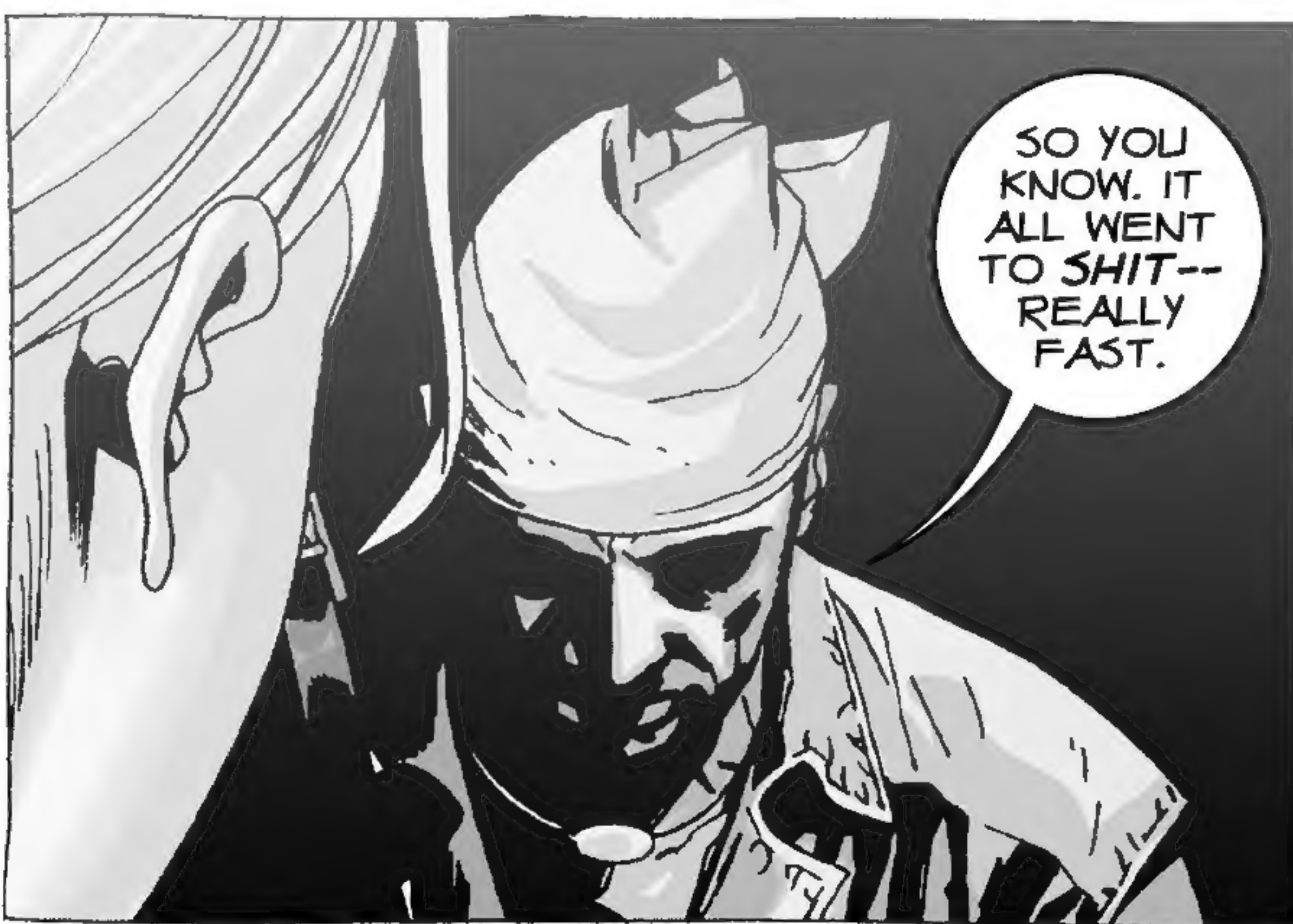
WHEN IT  
FIRST STARTED--  
THEY HAD THE "SAFE HAVENS"  
REMEMBER? HOSPITALS, CHURCHES,  
SCHOOLS... THEY TOLD *EVERYONE*  
TO GO THERE--SAID IT'D BE EASIER  
TO PROTECT EVERYONE. THIS WAS  
BEFORE THEY ABANDONED  
*THAT* AND TOLD US TO  
GET TO A MAJOR  
CITY.



YEAH--MY *DORM*  
ROOM WAS TURNED  
INTO ONE. I  
BARELY GOT OUT  
OF THERE  
*ALIVE*.



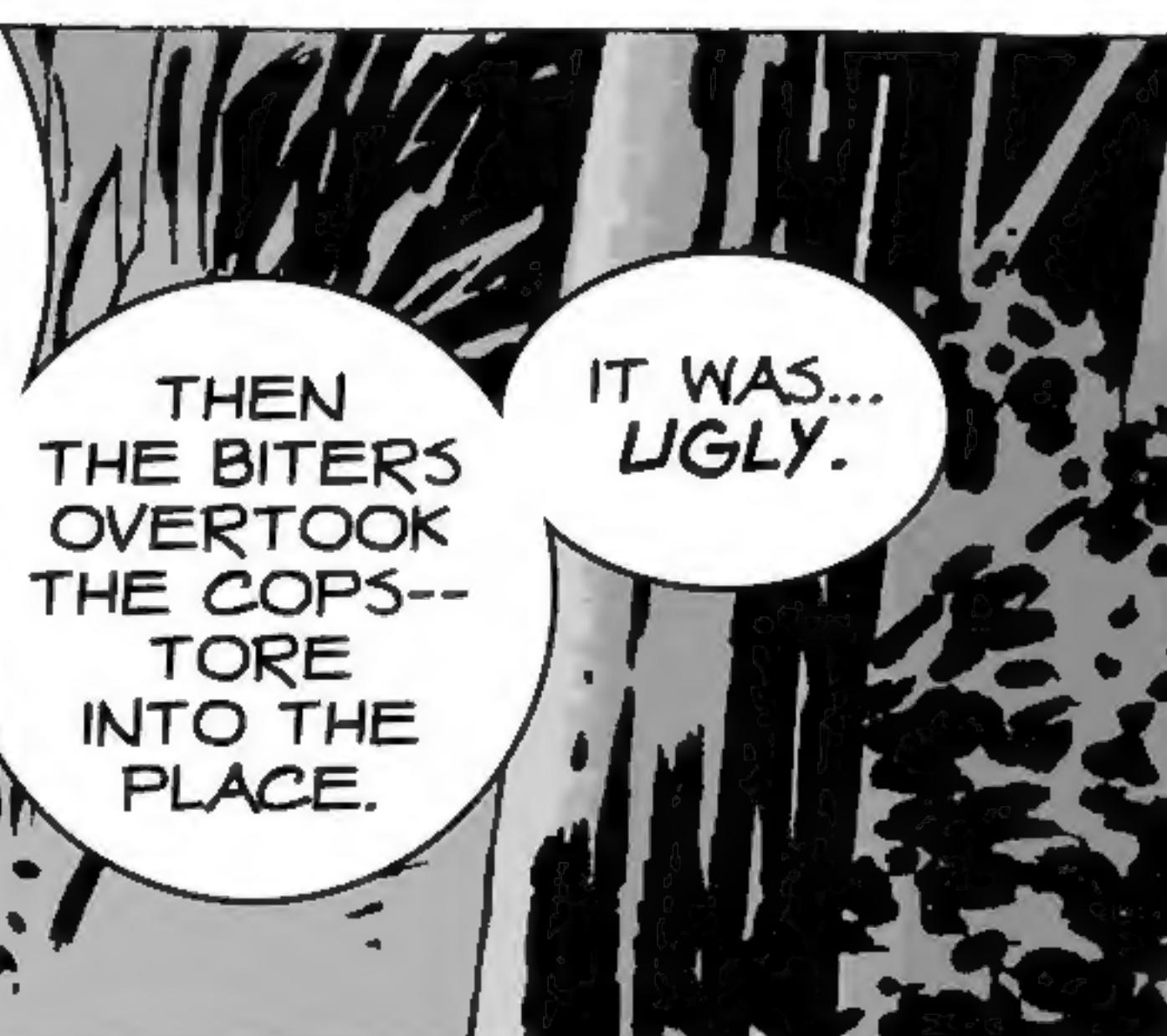
SO YOU  
KNOW. IT  
ALL WENT  
TO *SHIT*--  
REALLY  
FAST.



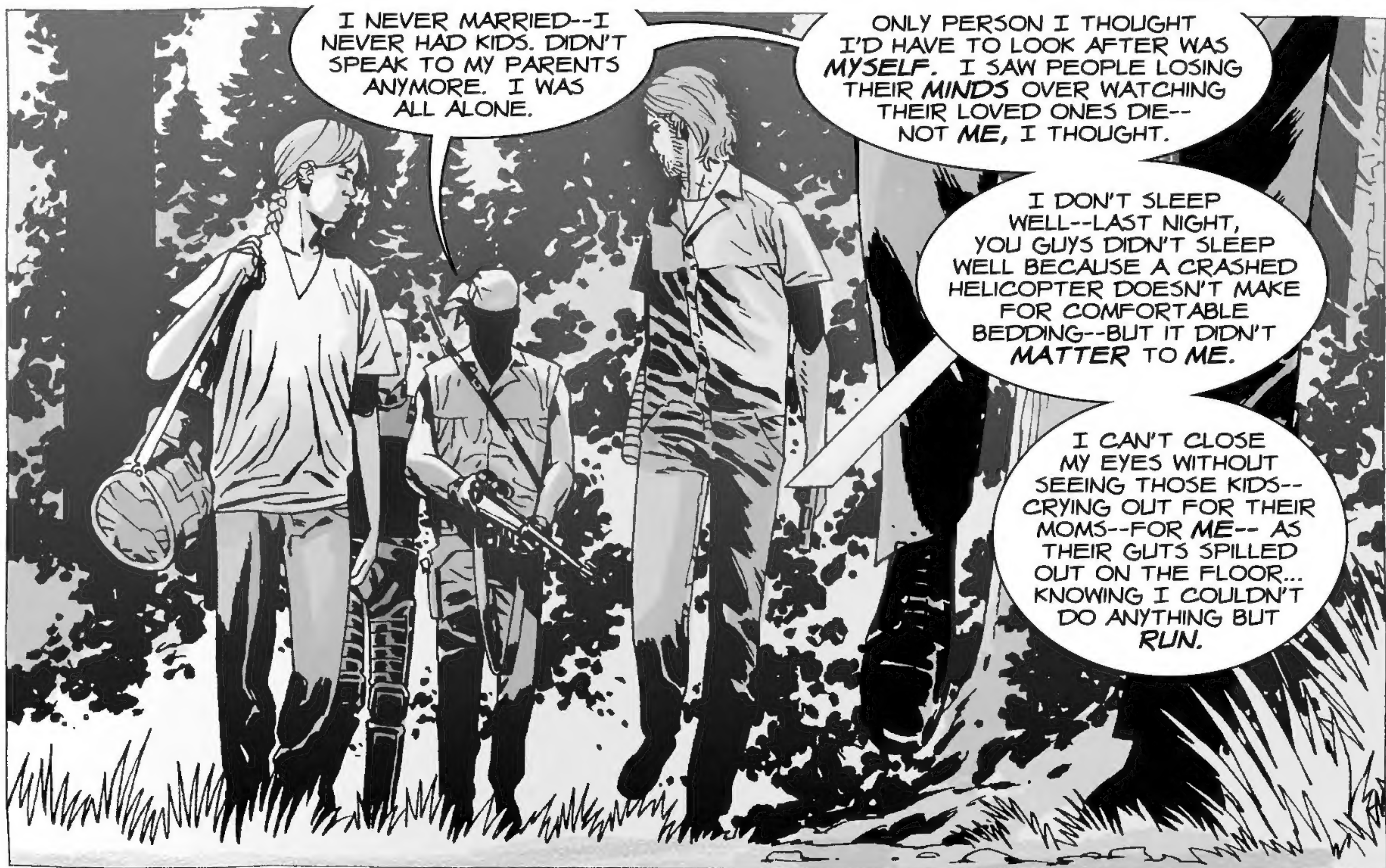
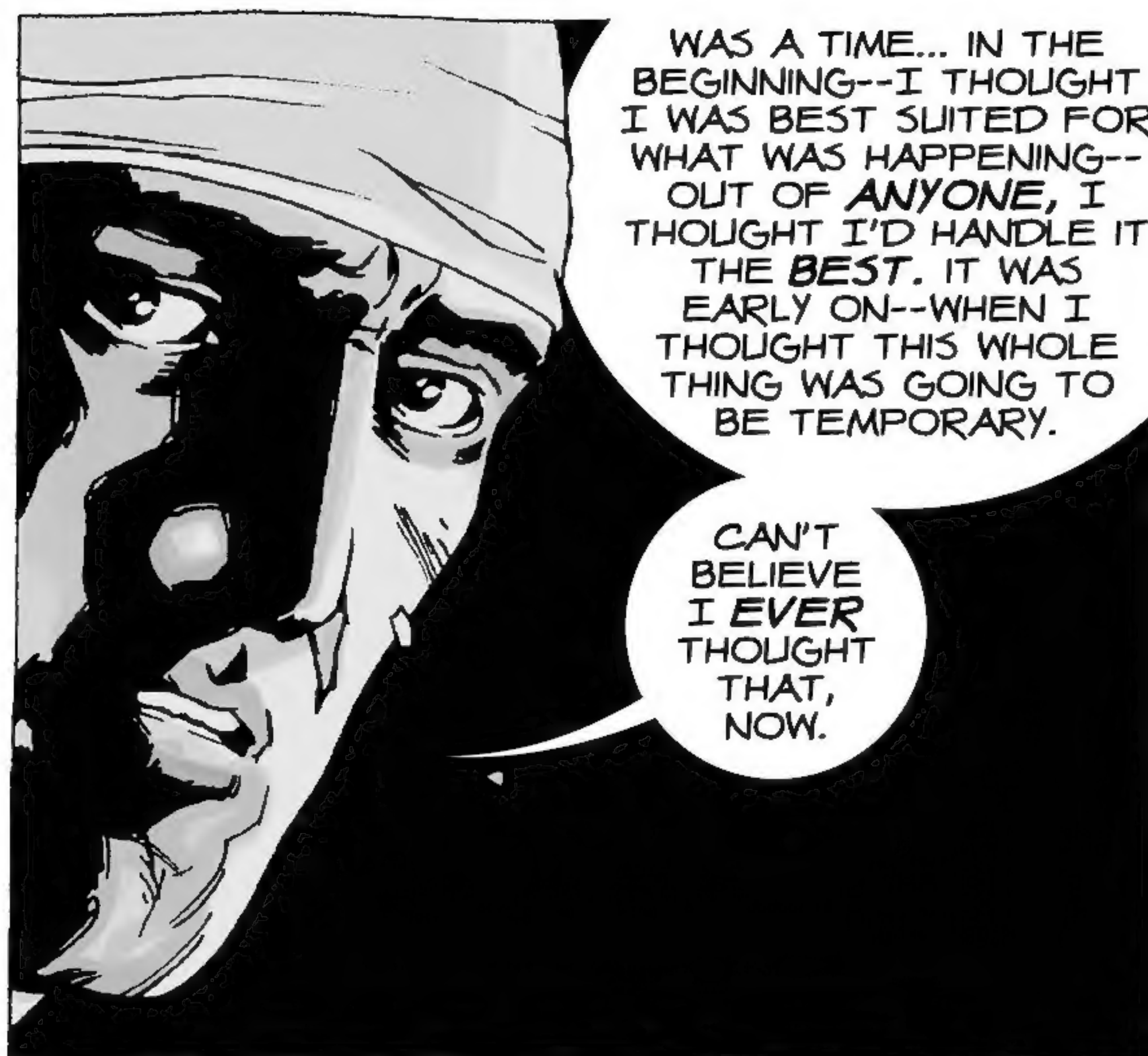
PEOPLE CAME TO THAT PLACE  
FROM *MILES* AROUND. ALL MY  
STUDENTS CAME WITH THEIR  
PARENTS. THE PLACE WAS  
*PACKED*. EVERYONE WAS  
SCARED--I TOLD MY BOYS  
STORIES TO CALM THEM DOWN--  
WE PLAYED BASKETBALL  
TO KEEP OUR MINDS  
OFF WHAT WAS  
GOING ON.

THEN  
THE BITERS  
OVERTOOK  
THE COPS--  
TORE  
INTO THE  
PLACE.

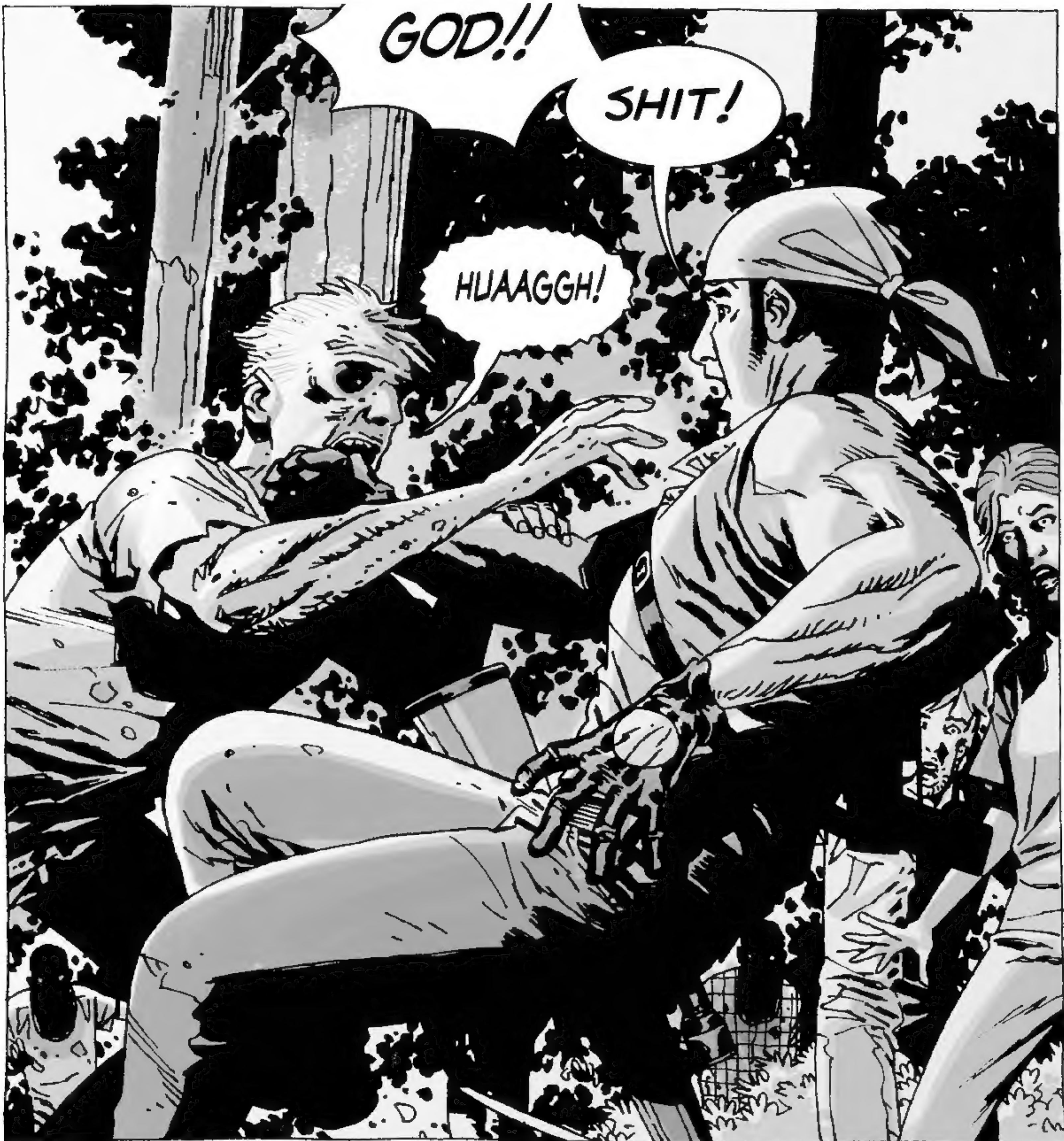
IT WAS...  
*UGLY*.



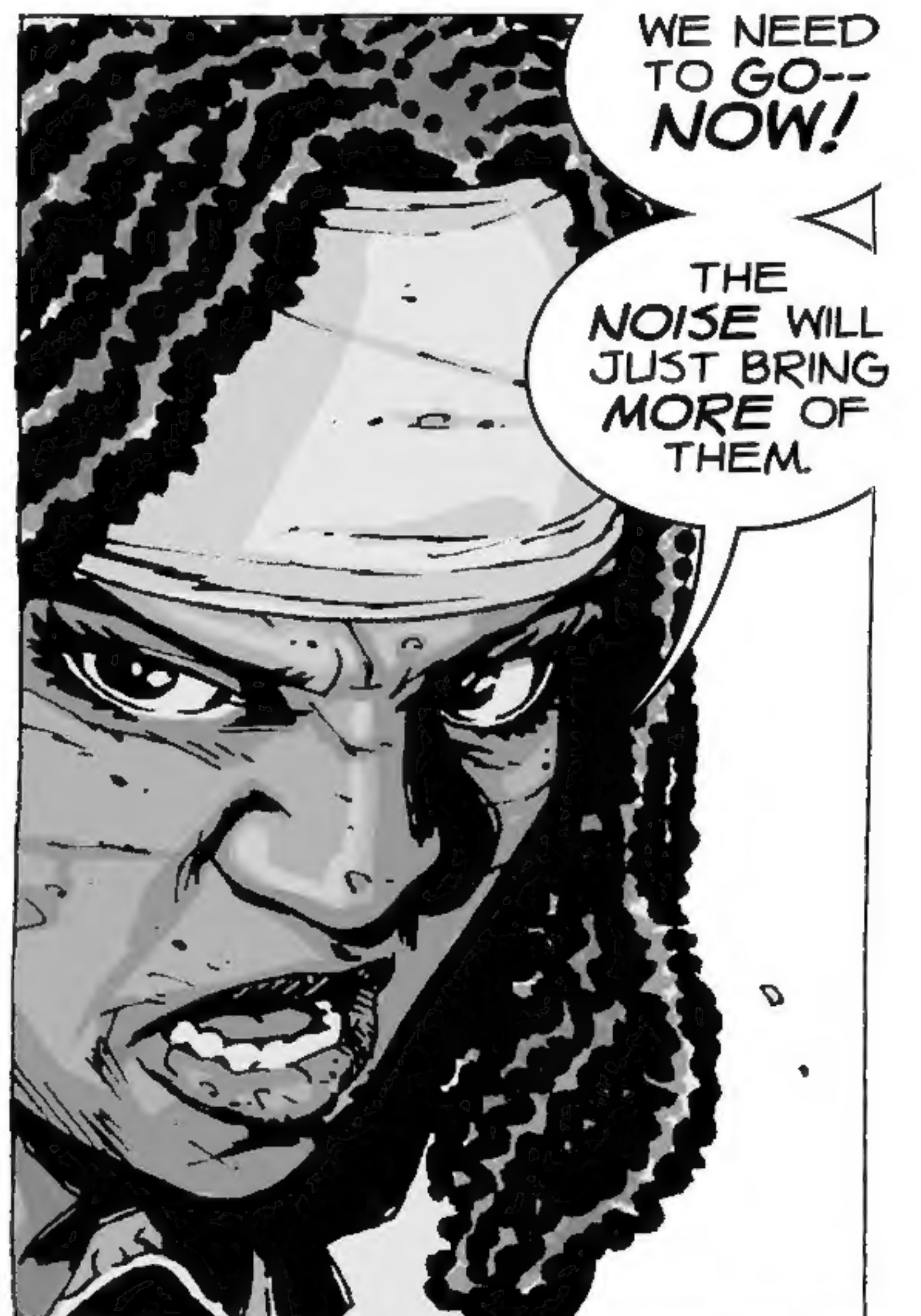








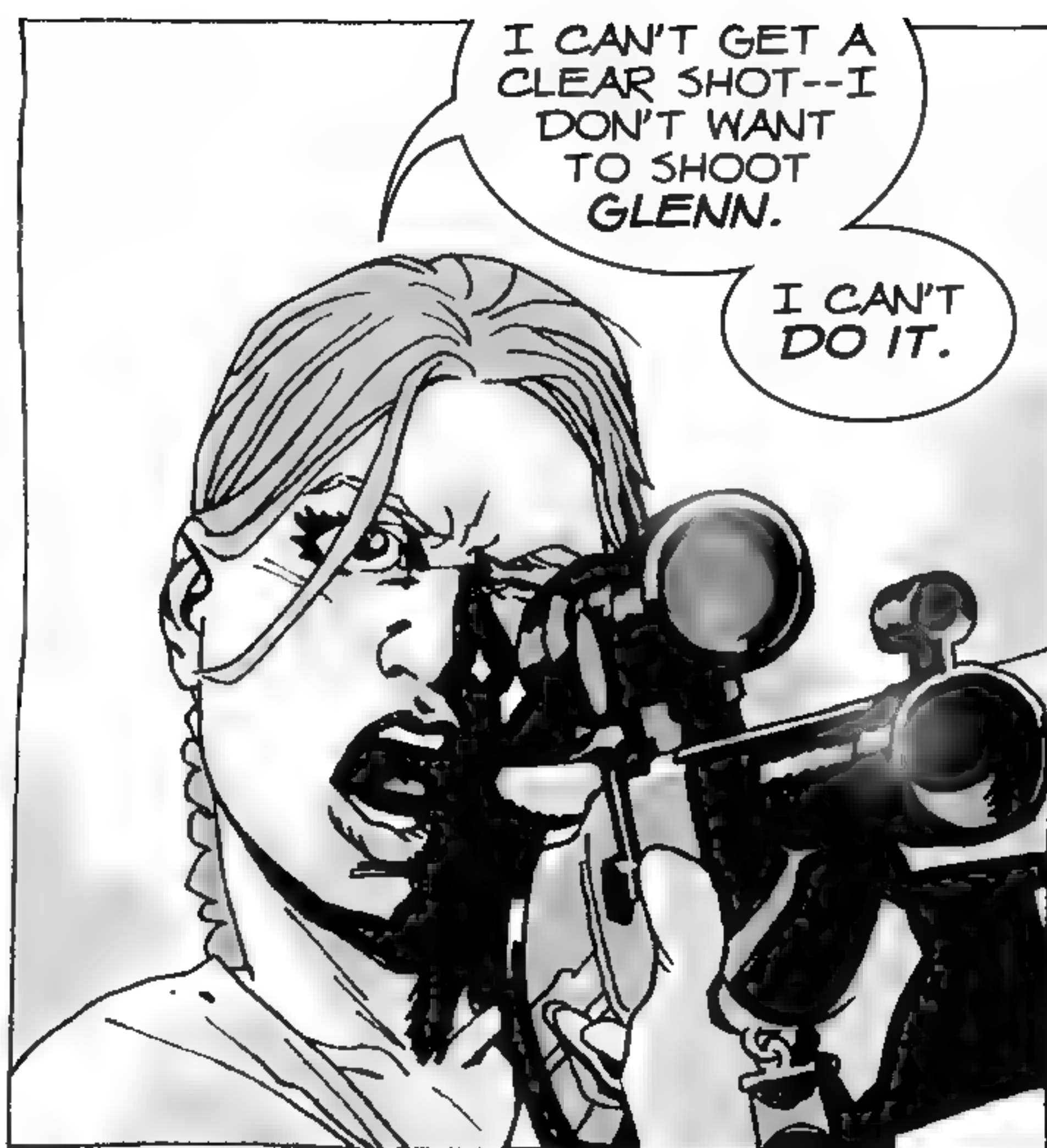
















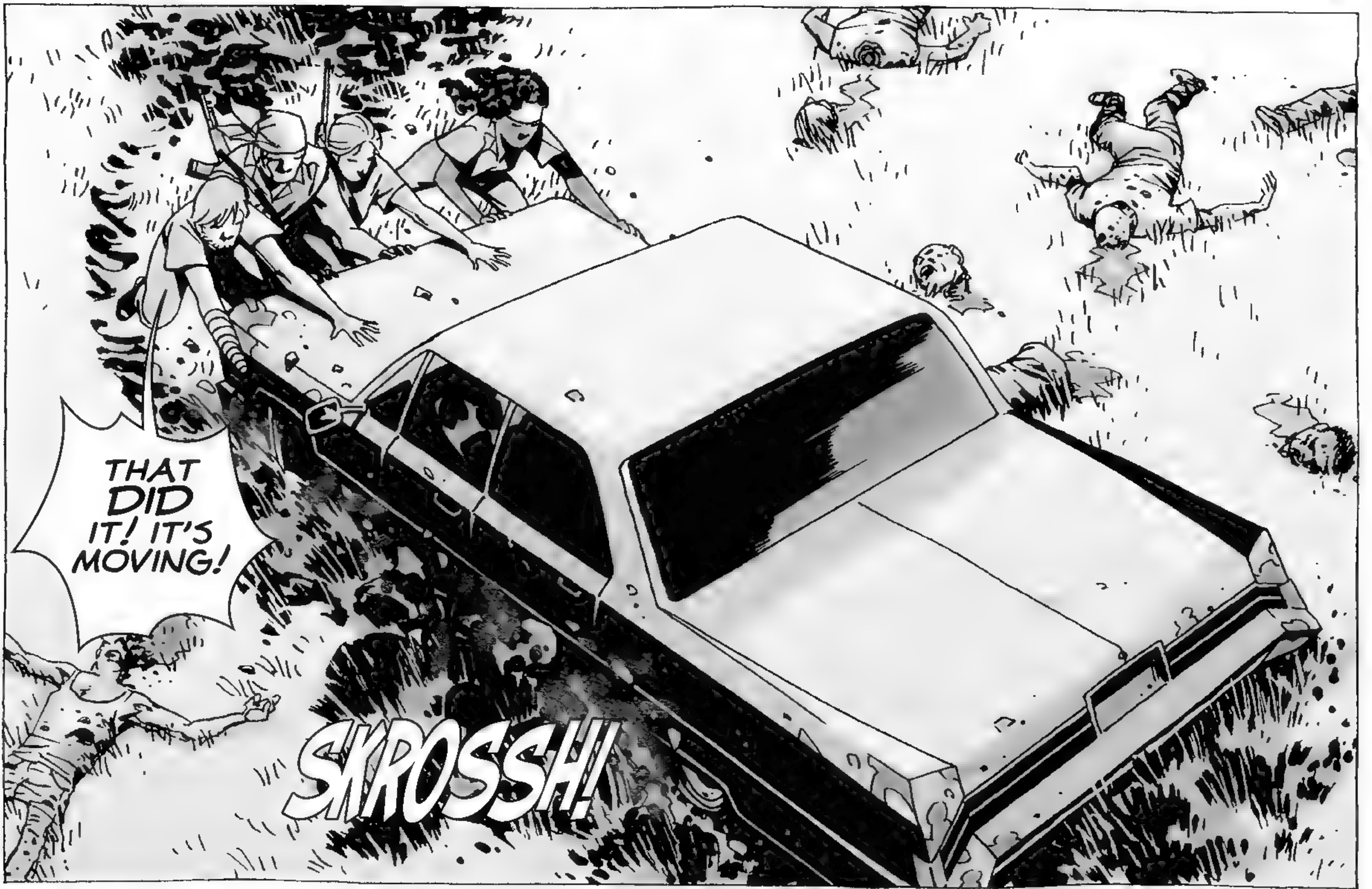
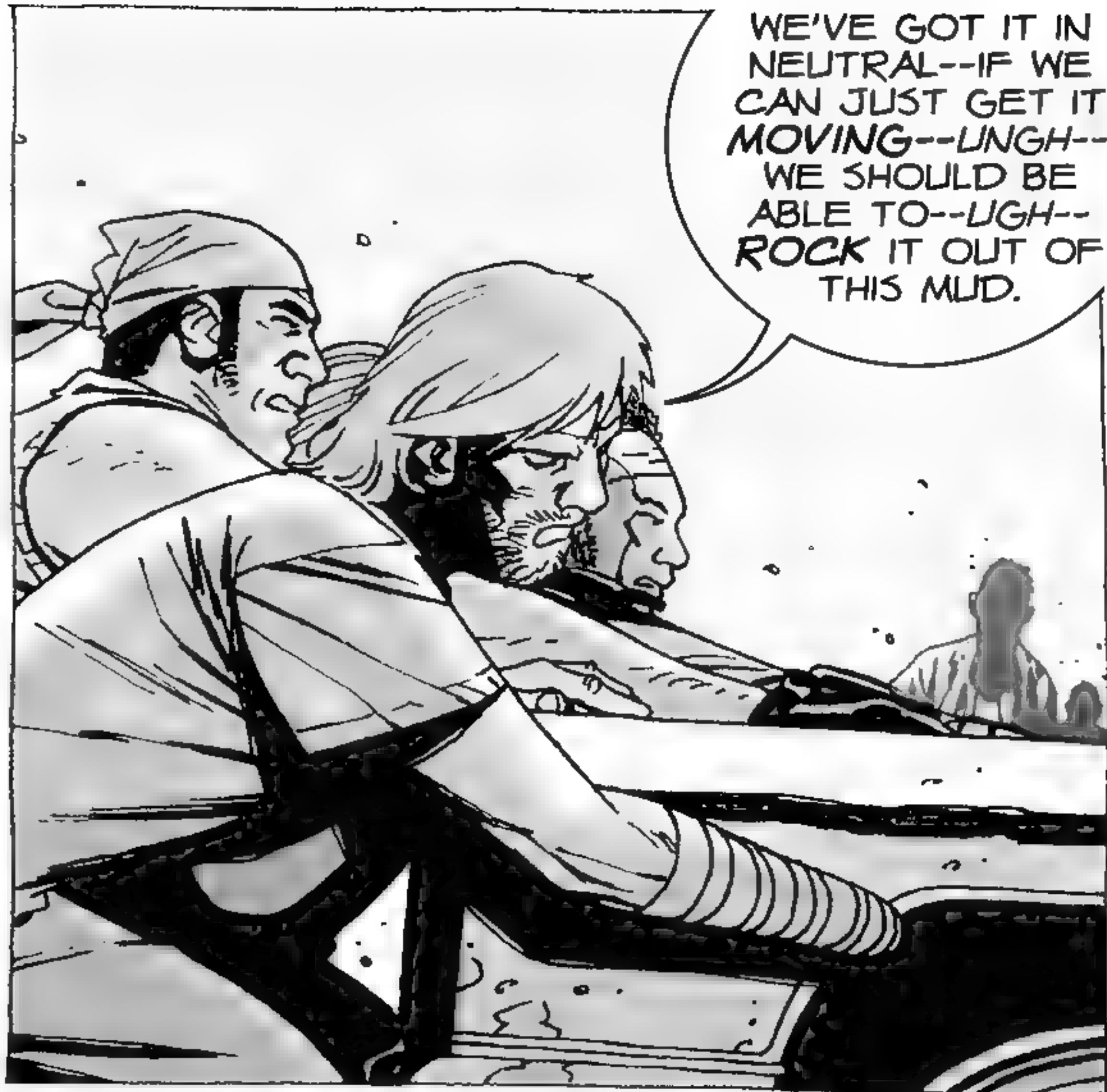




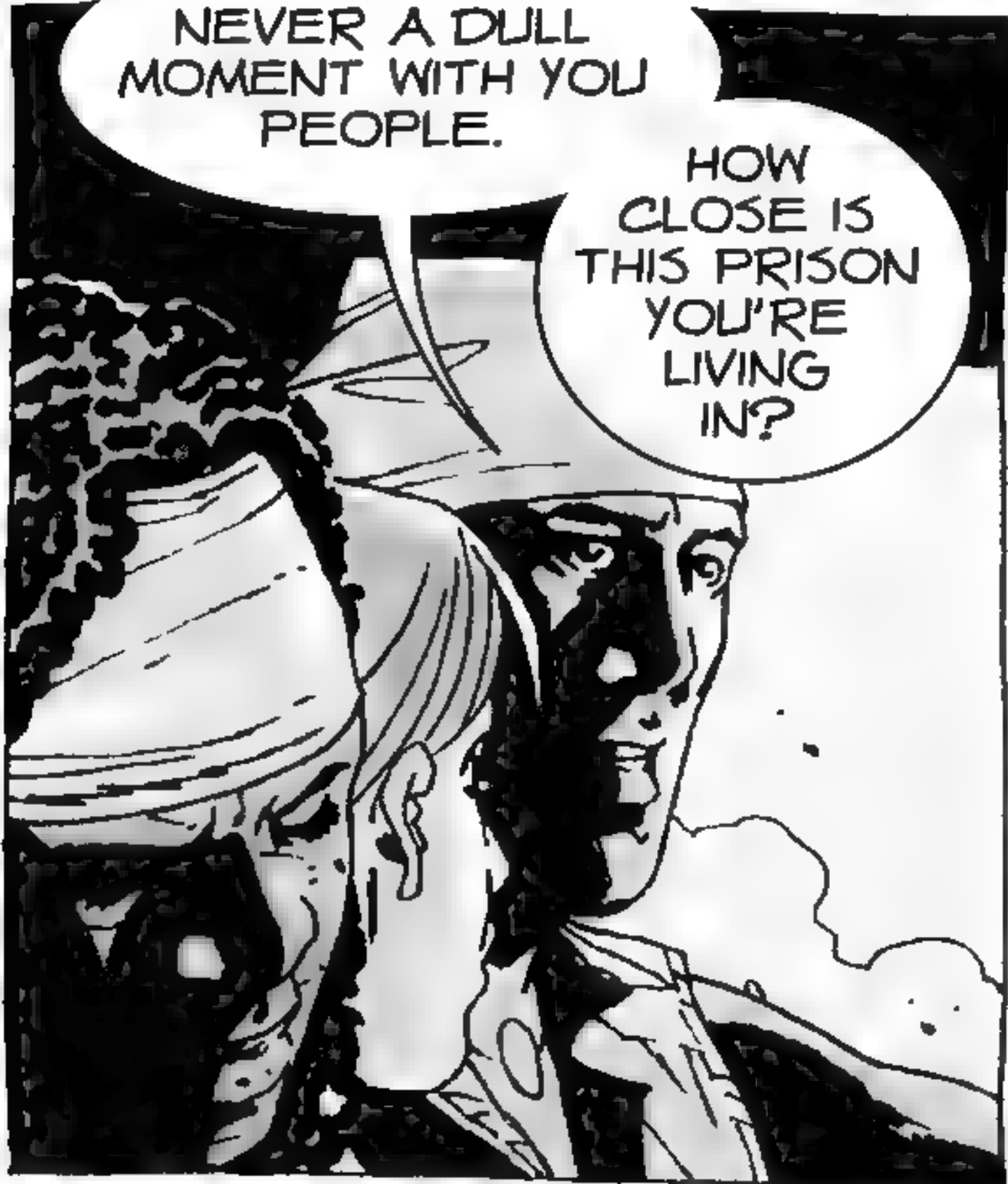
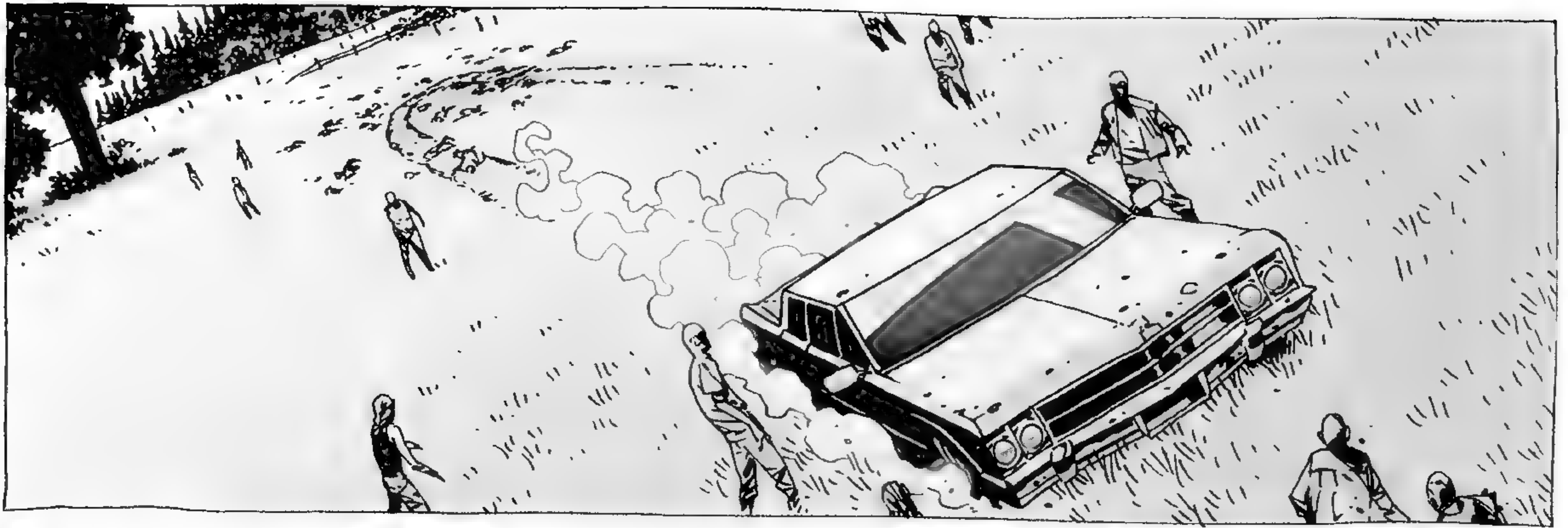




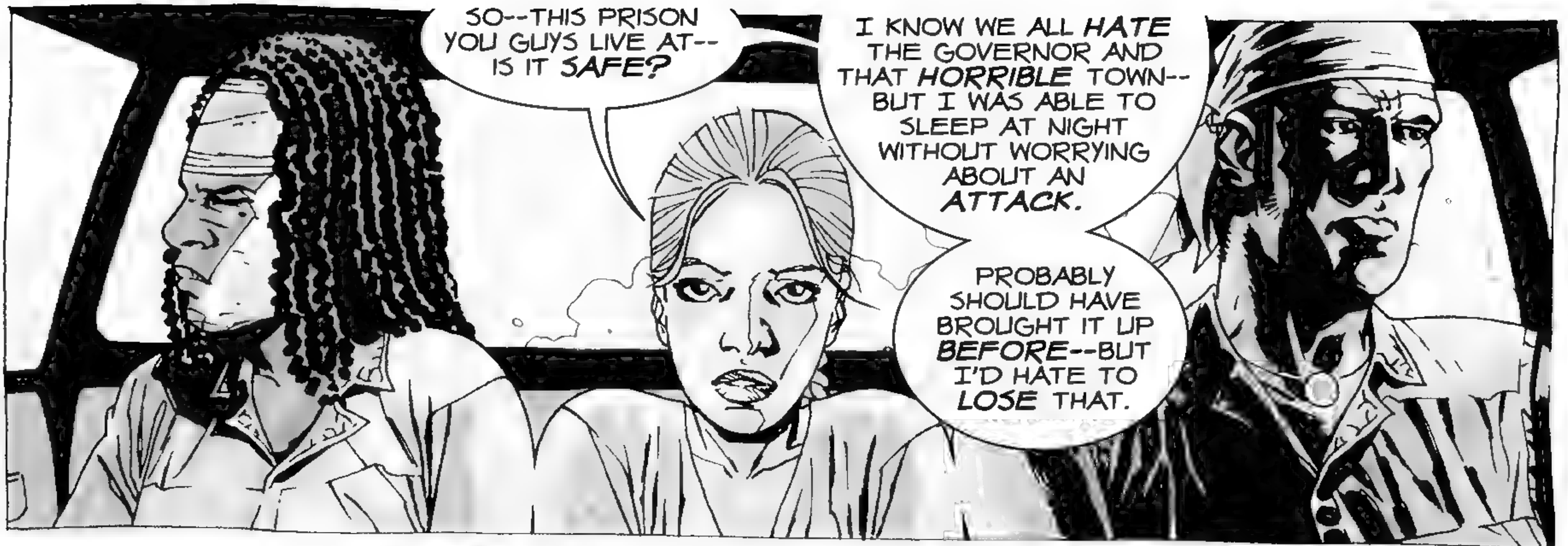












SO--THIS PRISON  
YOU GUYS LIVE AT--  
IS IT **SAFE**?

I KNOW WE ALL **HATE**  
THE GOVERNOR AND  
THAT **HORRIBLE** TOWN--  
BUT I WAS ABLE TO  
SLEEP AT NIGHT  
WITHOUT WORRYING  
ABOUT AN  
**ATTACK**.

PROBABLY  
SHOULD HAVE  
BROUGHT IT UP  
**BEFORE**--BUT  
I'D HATE TO  
LOSE THAT.

THERE'RE THREE FENCES  
SURROUNDING THE PLACE--  
ROAMERS HAVEN'T EVEN  
BEEN ABLE TO BUST  
THROUGH THE OUTER FENCE.  
WE'VE GOT GUARD TOWERS  
TO DEFEND THE PLACE IF  
NEED BE--AND THE  
BUILDINGS THEMSELVES  
ARE PRETTY  
STURDY.

IF YOU'RE  
REALLY WORRIED,  
YOU COULD EVEN  
LOCK YOURSELF  
IN A CELL EVERY  
NIGHT. YOU'LL  
BE **SAFE**.

ROAMERS?

THAT'S THE, UH...  
THAT'S THE NAME WE  
CAME UP WITH FOR  
THEM. **ROAMERS**  
AND **LURKERS**--  
TWO NAMES,  
ACTUALLY.

WE, UH...  
WE NOTICED  
SOME OF THEM  
COME AFTER  
YOU PRETTY  
**HARD**--SOME OF  
THEM ONLY GO  
AFTER YOU IF YOU  
COME TO **THEM**.  
SOME WILL **ROAM**  
AFTER YOU--  
OTHERS JUST  
WAIT...  
**LURKING**.

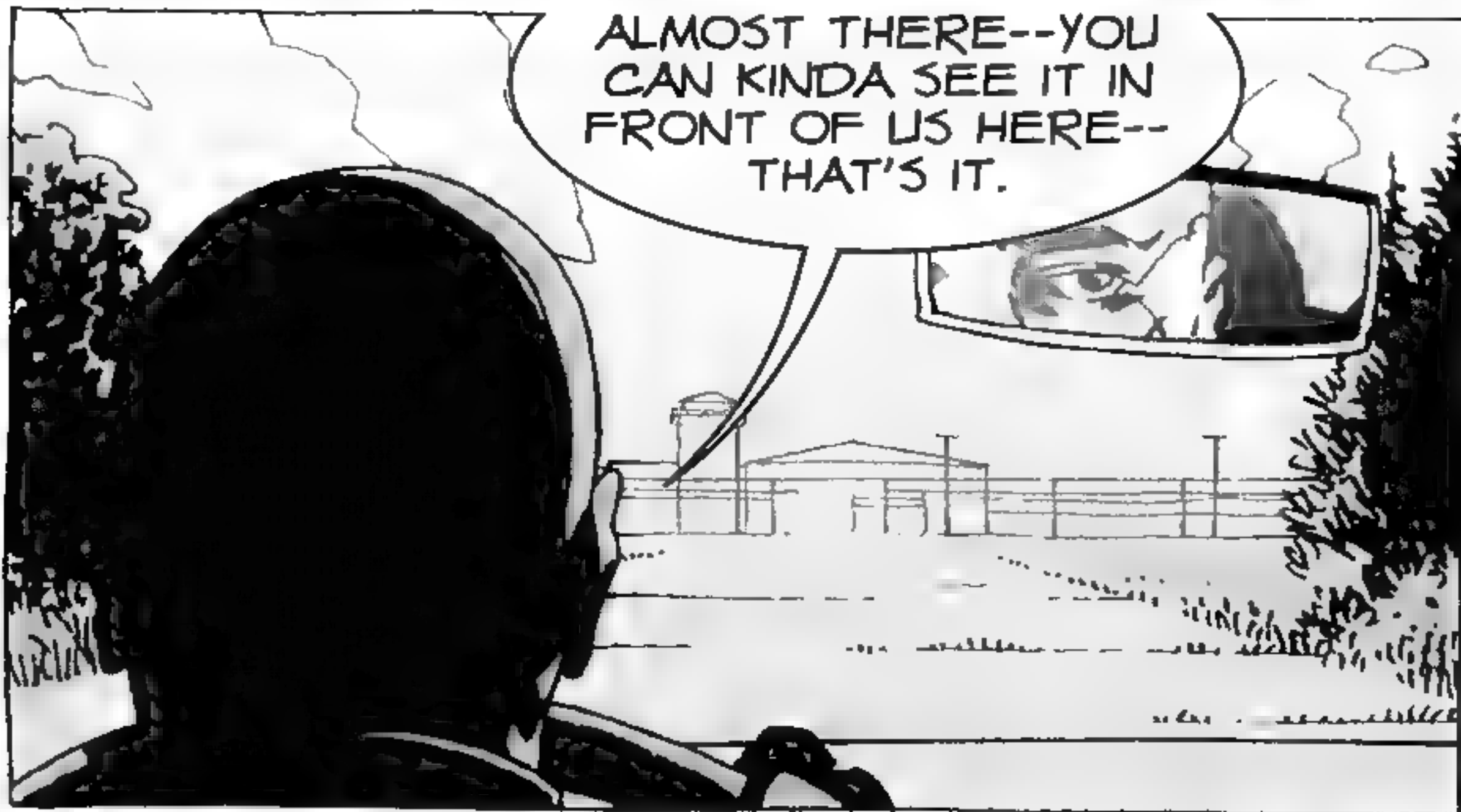
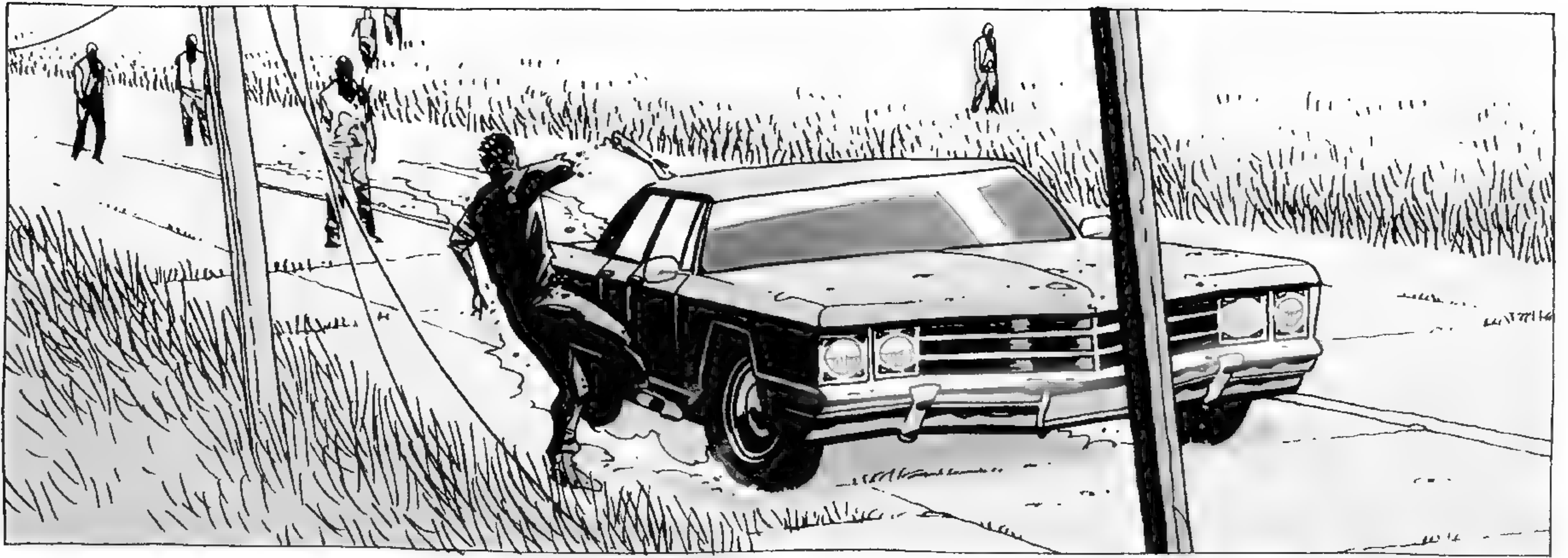
TWO TYPES? THAT'S  
A LITTLE **SILLY**. THEY  
**ALL** BITE. **BITERS**  
MAKES A TON MORE  
SENSE.

JUST  
SAYING...

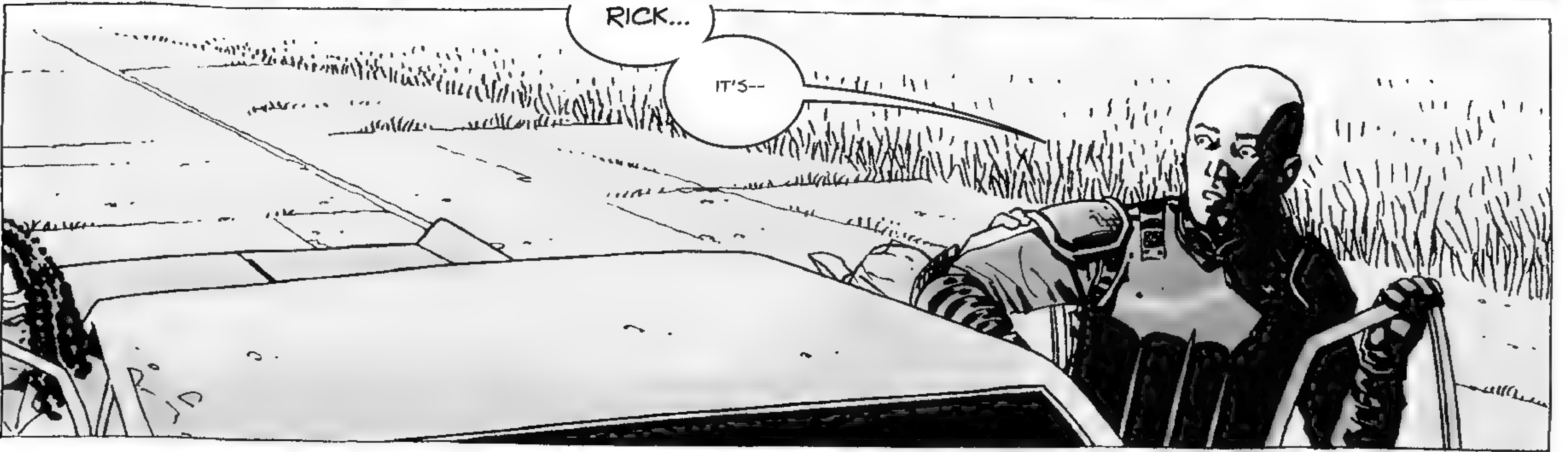
GIRL'S  
GOT A  
POINT.

WASN'T ME  
WHO CAME  
UP WITH  
IT.

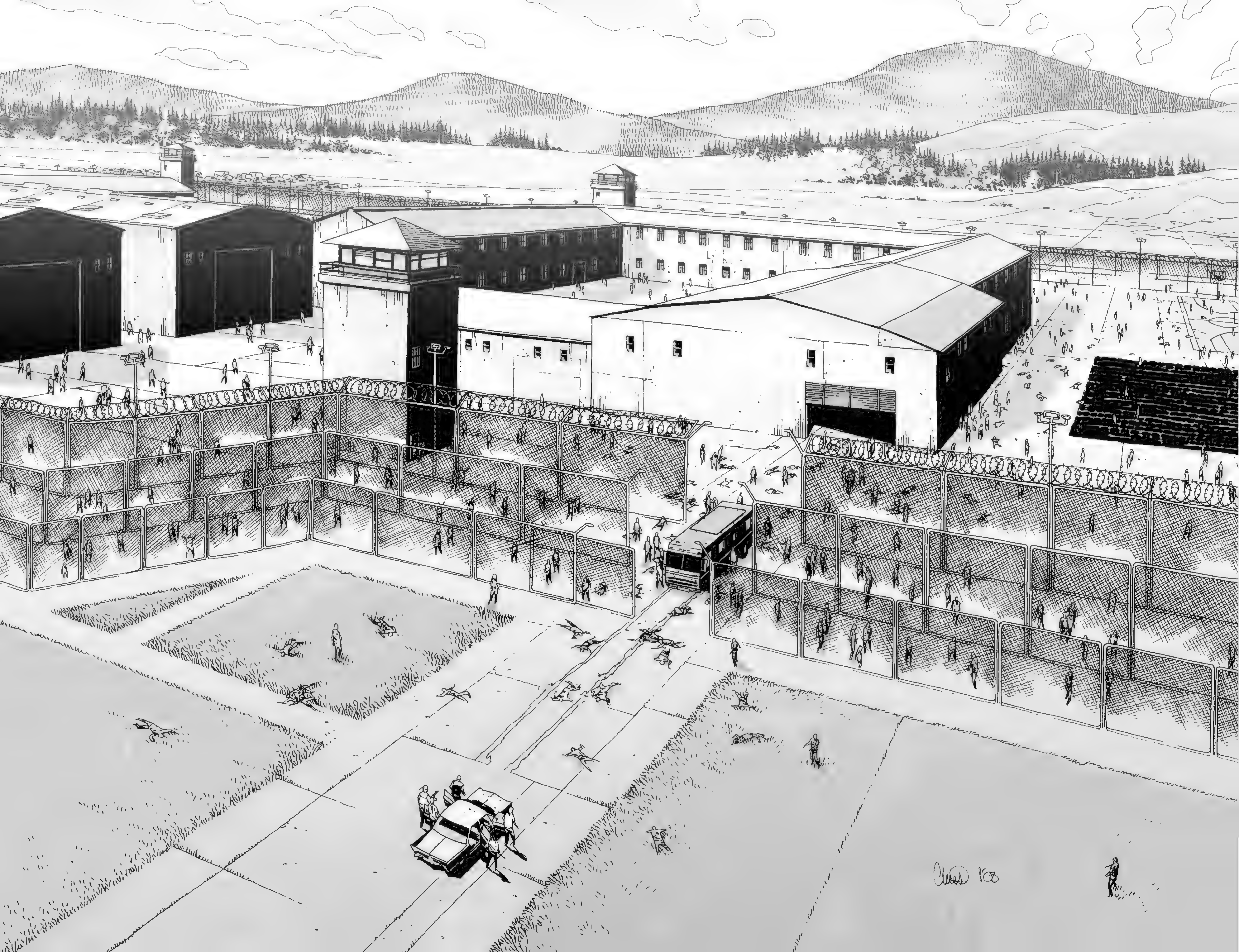




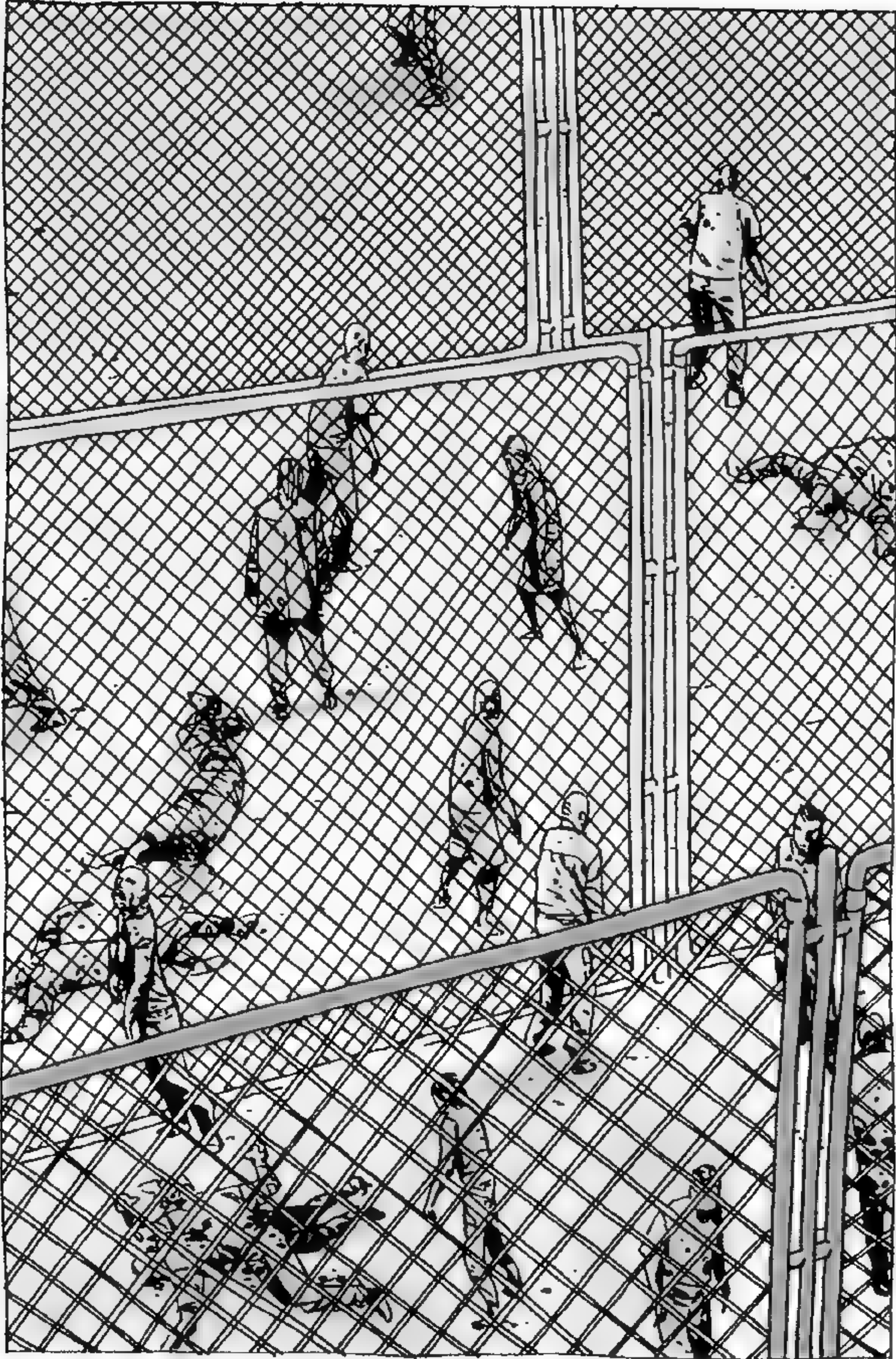




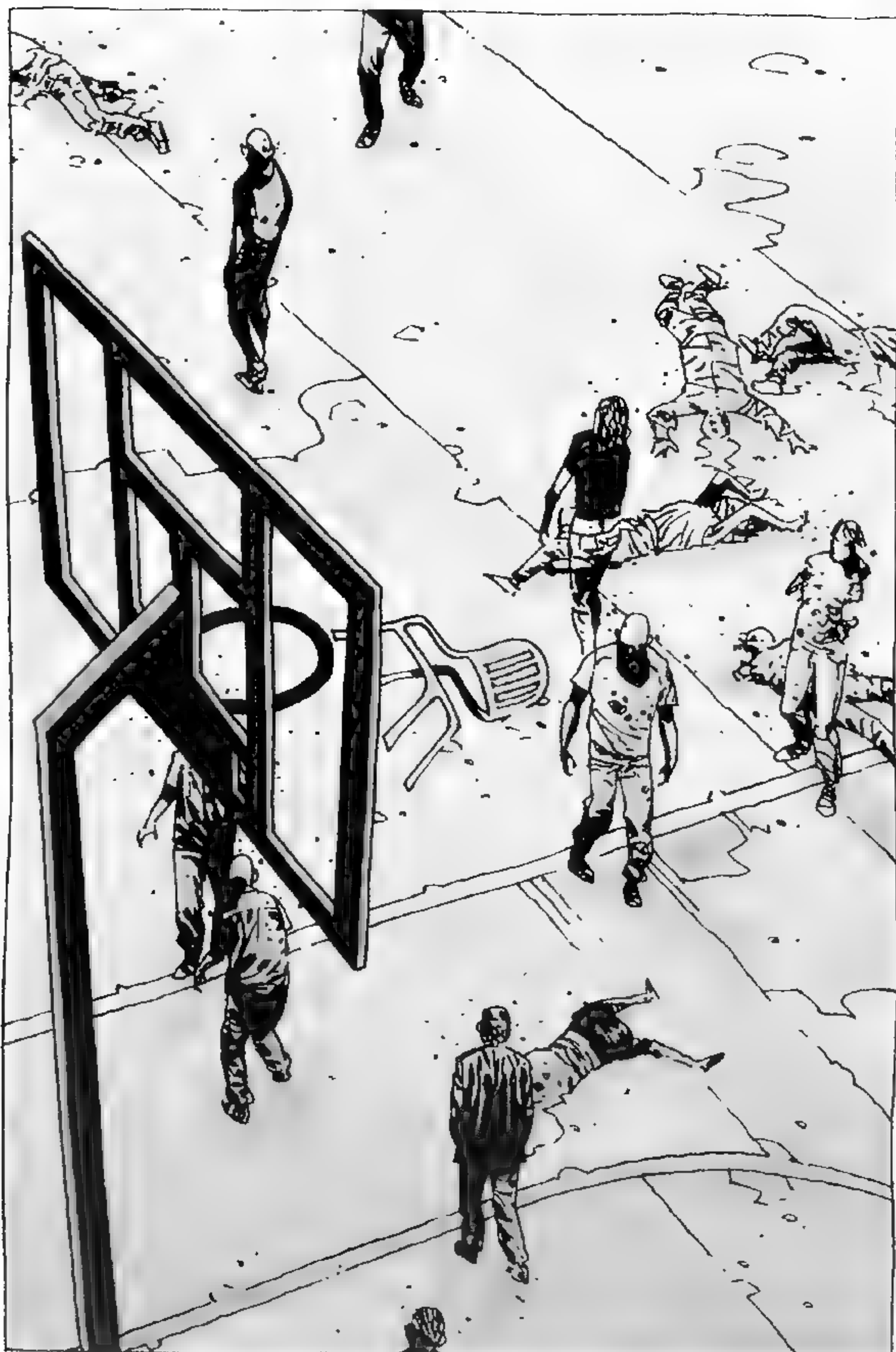
















OH,  
GOD...

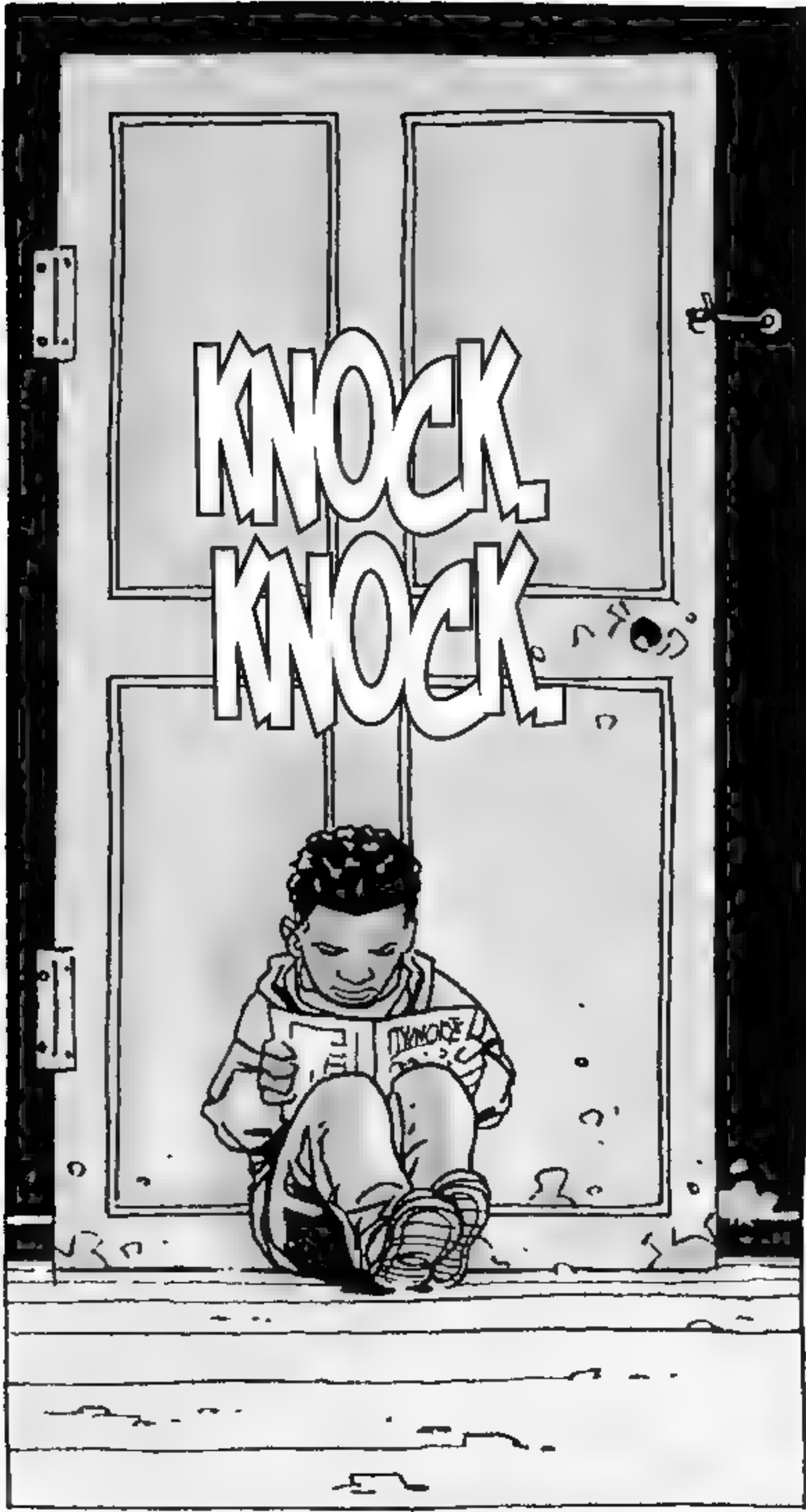
OH,  
GOD,  
NO...



THUNK!



















THIS'LL  
DO.

SO, YOU THINK IT'S  
ABOUT TIME FOR US  
TO STOP WORRYING  
ABOUT **PAYING** FOR  
ALL THE STUFF  
WE'VE TAKEN?



I MEAN--IT'S BEEN  
ALMOST **FIVE MONTHS**  
SINCE THIS ALL STARTED.  
TELEVISION'S **STILL** NOT  
BROADCASTING--GOT NO  
RADIO SIGNALS. WE  
HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE  
LIVING COME THROUGH  
HERE SINCE THAT FELLA  
WHO GAVE US THE  
**POLICE CAR.**



HE SURE WAS  
HELPFUL, WITH THE  
GUNS AND ALL, TOO.  
STILL, WE HAVEN'T SEEN  
ANY OFFICIALS, NO  
MILITARY PEOPLE...  
NOTHING.

I GOTTA  
SAY, THOUGH, SON--  
I HATE HAVING TO  
STEAL ALL THIS STUFF.  
EVEN THOUGH HALF  
THE PLACES IN TOWN  
WERE LOOTED BEFORE  
THEY EVACUATED  
EVERYONE IT **STILL**  
JUST DOESN'T **FEEL**  
RIGHT.

FOOD'S ONE  
THING--WE'VE GOT  
NO CHOICE THERE.  
I MEAN, WE DON'T  
REALLY HAVE ANY  
**OPTION** OTHER THAN  
STEALING FROM THE  
LOCAL GROCERY STORE.  
SAME AS SETTING UP  
HERE INSTEAD OF  
STAYING IN OUR  
PLACE.



OUR HOUSE WAS SO **BIG**,  
THERE WAS NO WAY WE  
COULD HAVE SECURED IT.  
TOO MANY DOORS--  
WAY TOO MANY  
WINDOWS.



AND BEING **THERE**--  
I WOULDN'T HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO STOP  
THINKING ABOUT YOUR  
MOTHER--AND WHAT  
HAPPENED TO  
HER.



ALL THE THINGS  
I'VE DONE SINCE  
THE WORLD WENT  
TO SHIT AND  
**STEALING** STUFF  
STILL GETS TO  
ME...





I GUESS THAT'S JUST WHO I AM. I ALWAYS USED TO WORRY ABOUT THE *LITTLE* STUFF. I GUESS I JUST ALWAYS FIGURED EVERYONE ELSE WAS WORRIED ENOUGH ABOUT THE BIG STUFF THAT I'D FOCUS MY EFFORTS ELSEWHERE.

STILL-- EVERY TIME I'M IN THERE-- DIGGING FOR FOOD, LOOKING FOR A NEW TOY FOR YOU OR SOMETHING ELSE. I PRAY FOR A POLICEMAN TO COME ALONG AND ARREST ME.

THEN AT LEAST I'D KNOW WE WEREN'T THE ONLY--



I'M SORRY, SON. I KNOW THAT'S A HORRIBLE THOUGHT. I DON'T MEAN TO WORRY YOU.

HUH?



MERRY CHRISTMAS, DUANE.

THE END.





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Don't worry, we're hard at work on issue 35... so you shouldn't have to wait more than a few weeks before you find out what's going on.

Heh.

Now, As I type this issue 32, 33 and now 34 have shipped monthly or better (unless the holidays hold this issue up at all). I just wanted to point it out because while everyone likes to point out and complain about lateness... even when we're BARELY late, very few people send in letters that say "hey--you're on time, great!"

I'm not patting ourselves on the back just yet. We'll see how many issues we've put out by the end of 2007 before any medals are issued, but I think we're getting a handle on things and the worst is definitely behind us.

We did only put out nine issues in 2006... which sucks. Sorry about that.

We're shooting for 12 or MORE in 2007. You'll see.

NOW, while this issue is going to ship AFTER Christmas (and the other holidays), it's still well before the holiday season here so I'm going to be giving you all a little gift.

For YOU we're running last year's The Walking Dead story from the Image Holiday Special 2005. It was printed in the BOOK ONE hardcover that's out, but the majority of you single issue buyers may have missed the

Holiday Special and probably didn't buy that hardcover... so I'm running it here so you don't miss out.

It's a Morgan and Duane story--for those of you who remember issue 1 and wonder what they've been up to. ENJOY!

And my Christmas present for ME this year is a shorter letters column... so I can spend more time working on OTHER stuff... and maybe even spending some time with my family. I hope I get an iPod this year!

Okay... I might as well answer a FEW letters. Let's see what we got here.

HOLY CRAP!!! This book is so good...the escape was great, and I felt so bad for the doctor, but I guess someone had to bite it...and Michonne heading for revenge, that was sweet...and I really wanted to see that town just get torn apart, with someone letting zombies loose inside, but that's not Rick's style, so it makes sense that that wouldn't happen...but that doesn't mean Michonne won't... anyway, questions

1. What's going on back at the prison?

As you can see at the end of this very issue... nothing good.

2. What's gonna happen to this town? And will we see it?

We haven't seen the last of Woodbury by a long shot... don't worry. Woodbury and all the people still there will play a rather large role in the next year or two of stories in this book. I think you'll all like where this is going.

Anyway, that's about all I can think of....only 264 more issues to outrun Cerebus...and I'm hoping to be here until the end...

Mr Lumpstastic

I'm hoping to be here until the end! We'll see how far we go. I'd love to be doing this book a decade from now.

Dear Ye Ol' Grizzly One,

Thanks for not making Glenn a total pussy. I appreciate it.

Yeah, Glenn's been a LITTLE wimpy in the last few issues but he's going to be getting some redemption later on. Glenn is one of my favorite characters in the book.

It seems like Walking Dead is losing a bit of its unpredictability. When I first read it, it seemed that anyone could go at anytime (and they did). Lately however, it seems like there are a few "sacred cows" i.e. Rick, Lori, Tyreese, and to a lesser extent Hershel. It would be nice to see a few more shocker deaths to make the reader less comfortable.

Man you guys are hard to please! I'm either killing too many characters or not enough. There are NO sacred cows in this book. Just because there hasn't been many people die in the last few issues doesn't mean certain characters are safe. You'll see... you'll ALL see.

That being said I'm still enjoying the hell out of this book. I think the prison idea was just about the most incredible idea in modern Zombie lore. I would like to see a few more of the minor characters get their moment in the spotlight, like Billy (that's Hershel's kid right??)

Yes, and I've been meaning to do more with him for some time. Don't worry, everyone will get at least a brief moment to shine at some point in the series... unless I kill them.

Couple of questions for ya:

1) Any chance of Lori just having a normal healthy baby? Or is it destined to be born Zombie-fied?

That remains to be seen. She may even give birth to that baby some day.

2) Any chance of visiting a Zombie Disney World/theme park of some sort?

Yes... that's the big event for issue 100.

3) Carol has gone batshit crazy. Can you kill her please?

What would be the fun in that.

4) What's the long term plan for prison life? Is this going to be a permant HQ?

Would you leave were you in their situation?

5) Can we expect Rick to gain a Chainsaw for a right hand anytime soon?

Maybe a laser gun... not a chainsaw.

Thanks Robert. One of these days, gussy up your friggin myspace page!

Zach Langlois

Oh, yeah... that thing. Uh... maybe some day. I actually hate MySpace pages with so much shit on them you can't read them... and that damn music that starts up when you look at the page... ugh.

I'll put a sunburst or a rainbow or something on mine someday. Until then it'll be super boring and super plain.

Well, kids... enjoy the Christmas Story on the following page... in January!

I'll see you back here next month for more happy go lucky FUN...

-Robert Kirkman



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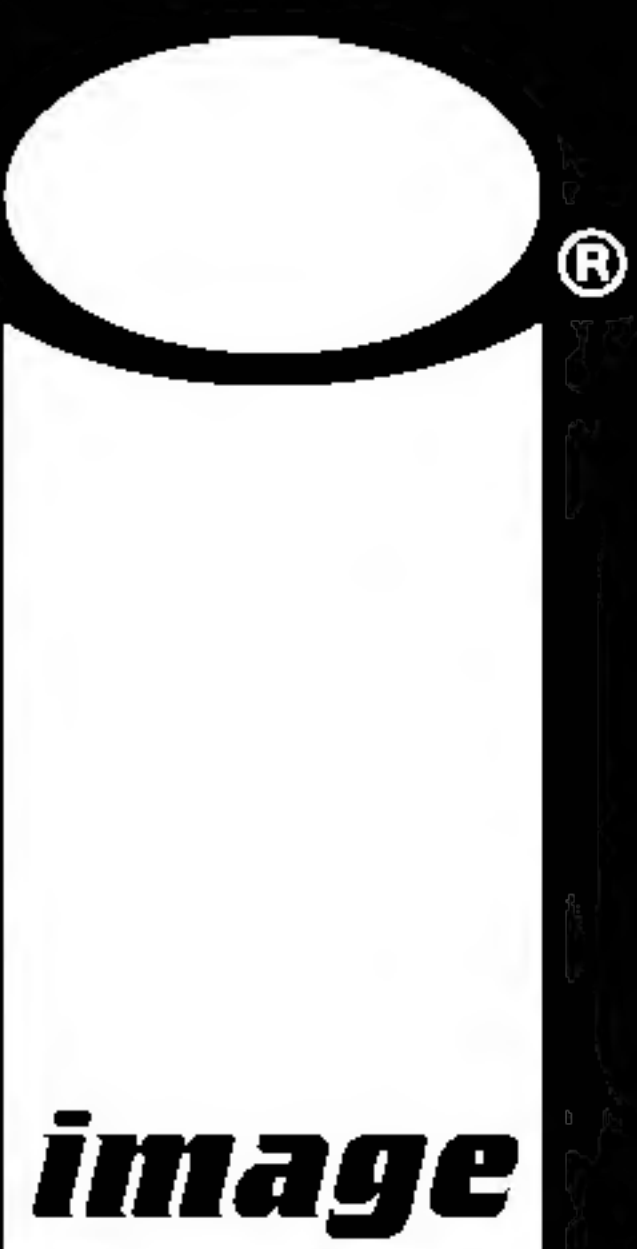
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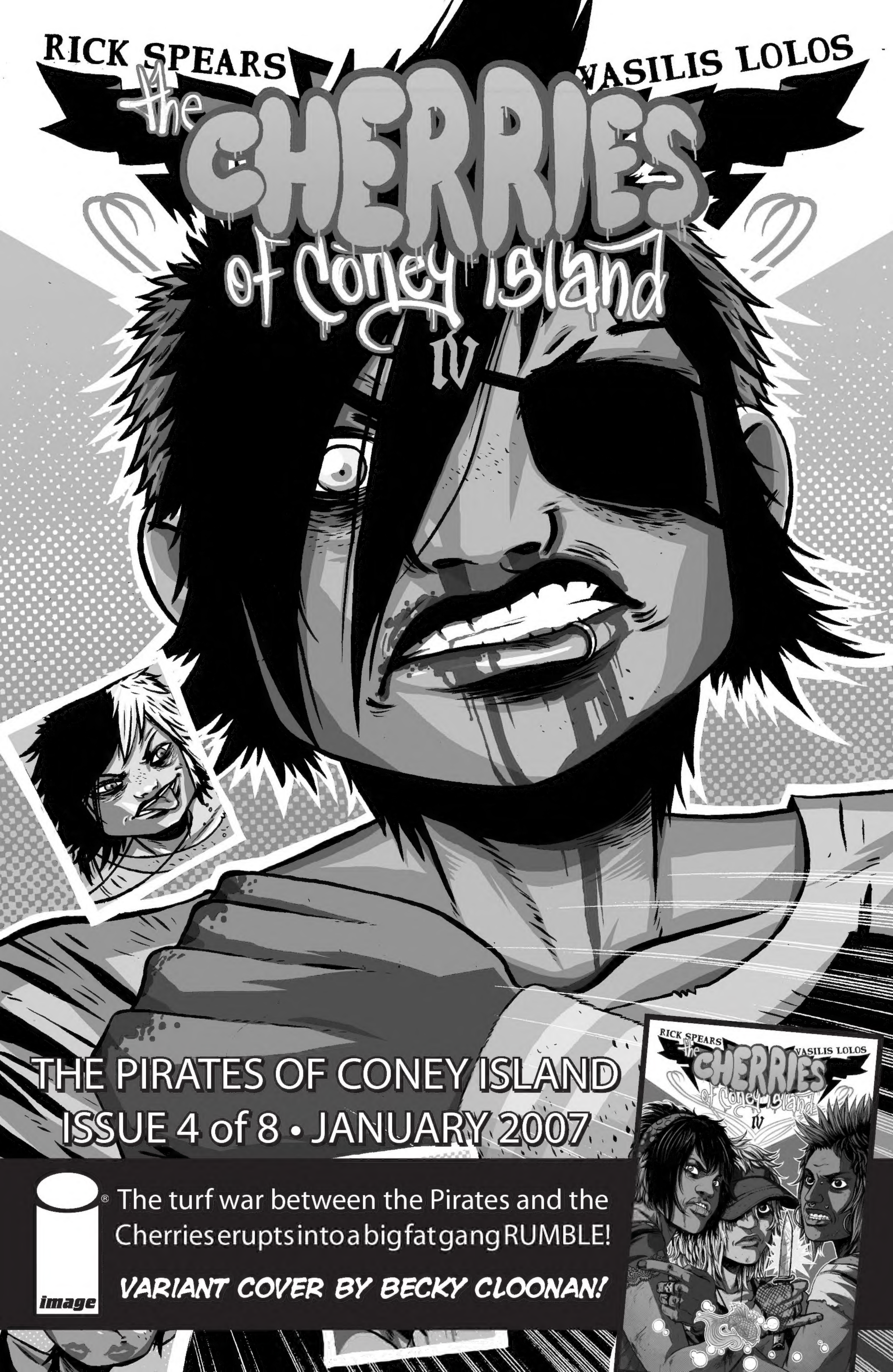
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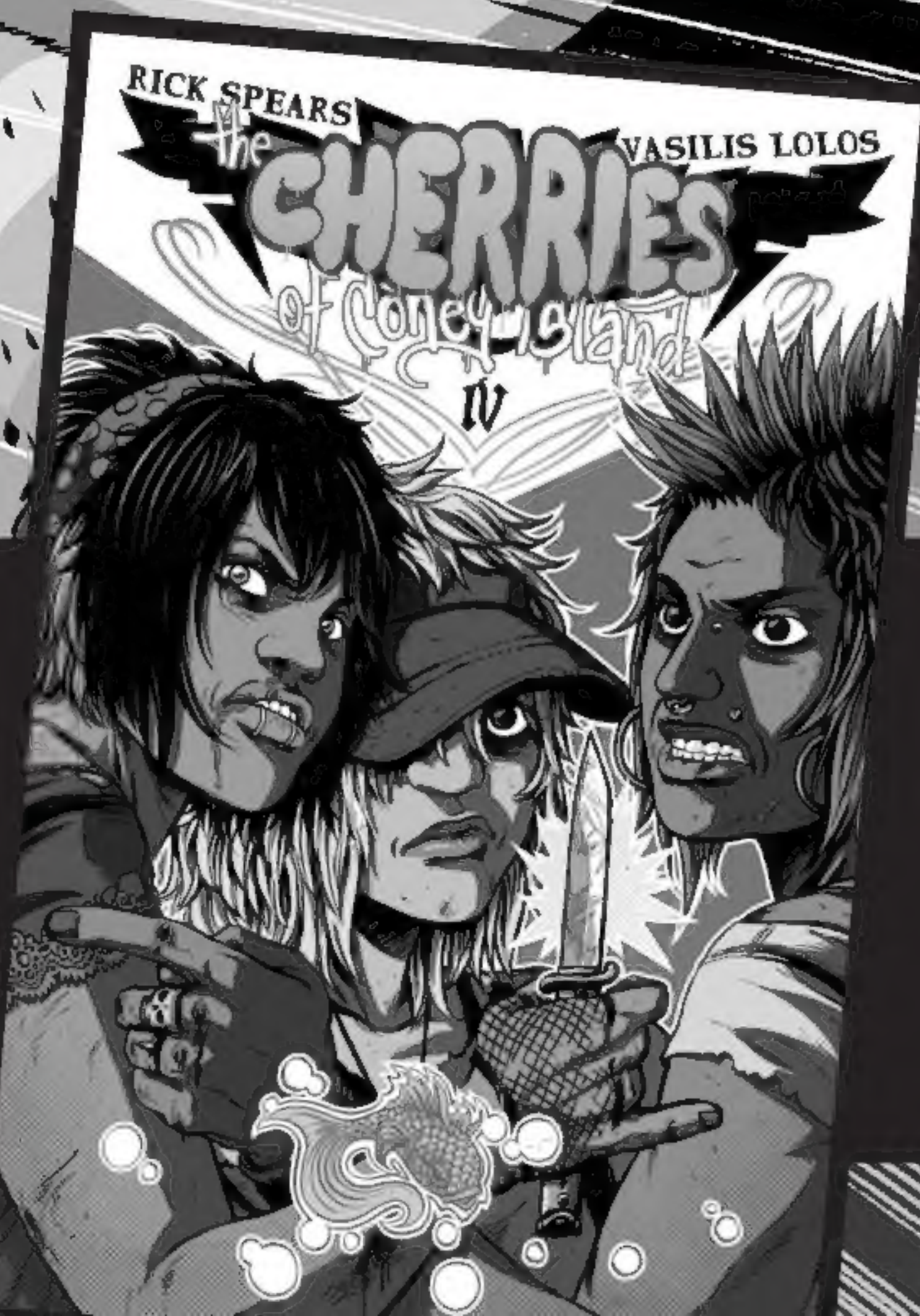


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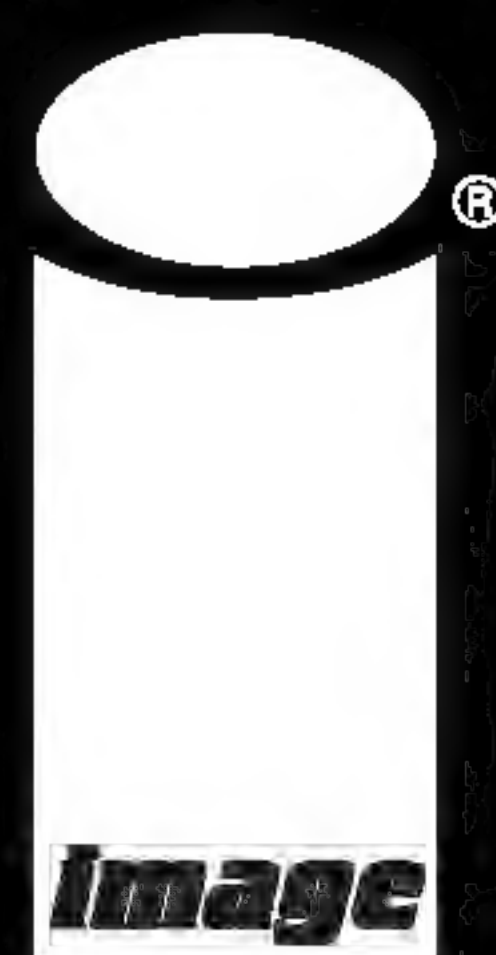
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